

ABSTRACT

The invention concerns a novel method for preparing an intermediate polyanion for preparing cyclosporin derivatives by treating a cyclosporin with a hexamethyldisilazane metal salt, optionally in the presence of a metal halide. The
5 treated cyclosporin has one or several free hydroxy groups and/or non-methylated nitrogen atoms in position α and/or any other acid group capable of deprotonation which are optionally deprotonated or in protected form.